

House Resolution 2076

By: Representative Jenkins of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Paul D. Beckham; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Paul D. Beckham graduated from Young Harris College in 1963, was
3 elected to the college's board of trustees in 1993, served on several trustee committees,
4 including Academic Affairs, the Development Committee, and the Executive Committee,
5 and was elected chair of the Board of the Trustees in 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, under Mr. Beckham's leadership, Young Harris College has invested millions
7 of dollars into the college's infrastructure, including the renovation of five residence halls,
8 the Clegg Fine Arts Building, the President's Residence, the Myers Student Center, the
9 world-class Zell B. Miller Baseball Stadium, and the E.D. Rivers Softball Stadium; and

10 WHEREAS, during Mr. Beckham's service as board chair at Young Harris College, the
11 college's technology upgrades, including the new sound and lighting systems in the Glenn
12 Auditorium, the installation of a state of the art starball in the Rollins Planetarium, and the
13 expansion of wireless technology throughout the campus, have expanded the opportunities
14 available to its students; and

15 WHEREAS, during Mr. Beckham's tenure, Young Harris College has experienced a record
16 freshman enrollment of 406 in 2006 and a record overall enrollment of 636 in 2007;

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Beckham's leadership in 2007 served as the catalyst leading to the
18 transition of Young Harris College into a four-year institution, one of the most significant
19 moments in the college's 122 year history; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Beckham selflessly donated his time, talent, vision, and financial resources
21 to Young Harris College, and all affiliated with Young Harris College have been privileged
22 to benefit from his efforts.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend Mr. Paul D. Beckham for his accomplishments and
3 thank him for his tremendous contributions to Young Harris College as chair of the Board
4 of Trustees from 2000 to 2008.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Paul D. Beckham.